

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph at page 2, lines 15-17, in its entirety, and insert the following replacement paragraph as follows:

The present invention thus provides a one stage, continuous or batchwise process for preparing di- and/or polyamines from compounds having carbodiimide groups by hydrolysis with water, the carbon dioxide formed being removed from the reaction mixture continuously or discontinuously, using a stripping gas.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 20-24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The onset of the reaction can be recognized by the elimination of carbon dioxide. It is favorable to remove the carbon dioxide formed in the reaction from the reaction mixture, so that it is not available for secondary reactions (for example carbamic acid or salt formation). This discharge of carbon dioxide from the reaction mixture ~~may be effected is carried out~~ continuously or discontinuously and optionally with the use of a stripping gas, for example nitrogen.

Please amend the subheading on page 5, at line 7, as follows:

Example 1 - (Comparative)

Please amend the subheading on page 5, at line 17, as follows:

Example 2 - (Comparative)